

How would annexation affect STREET MAINTENANCE?

What street maintenance services are provided today?

King County Department of Transportation – Roads Division currently designs, builds, operates and maintains roads, bridges and pathways in unincorporated areas of King County. Besides providing safe roadways, King County Road Services strives to provide cost-efficient, high-quality service and environmentally responsible project design, maintenance and operation of streets. All county roads get 24-hour emergency assistance, and the Roads Division designs and installs corrective safety improvements, such as traffic signals, signs and guardrails. King County Road Services maintains 194 traffic signals and 91,368 traffic signs. Staff also works with neighborhoods on traffic safety concerns.

What would change if East Renton annexed to the City of Renton?

The City of Renton Maintenance Division is part of the Planning/Building/Public Works Department and is funded through the City's general fund budget to maintain and upgrade city streets using the City's level of service standards, and according to City code. The City of Renton maintains its street systems to the highest standards possible with the resources and funds provided, putting emphasis on cost-efficient ways to provide a safe transportation system to its citizens.

City streets in Renton are swept once every 1.5 – 2 months, with high emphasis placed during the fall leaf season. Mowing on the street shoulders would be done at least twice during the spring and summer months, and once during the fall season. Chemical vegetation control of sidewalks, gutters, and roadway shoulders, would be done once yearly during the spring months.

The Street Section is also responsible for controlling low-hanging tree branches, dangerous tree situations such as trees that are rotten or damaged from weather or vehicles, and sight distance problems due to overgrown vegetation.

The Maintenance Division operates and maintains the City's infrastructure, including streets, the wastewater (sewer and storm) systems, water system, fleet maintenance, and solid waste maintenance. These services (**except** for water which is provided by Water District 90), would be provided to the area following annexation. Capital improvements to address specific problems would be incorporated into the City of Renton's 6-year Capital Improvement Program and Transportation Improvement Program in order of priority compared to all problems citywide.

The City will take over maintenance of the streets within the annexation area immediately. Two street maintenance workers and additional street maintenance equipment will be purchased and ready for use. The City will inventory streets, and assess their condition, and within 12 months will incorporate streets into our prioritized street maintenance program and street overlay program. The City maintains an 80% or higher O.C.I. (Overall Condition Index) rating on all streets within the City limits. Currently the City rating is 82%. Streets are rated on an index of 0% – 100%. 100% means the street is brand new; 0% is a street's worst condition. The 82%

rating is an average of all 460+ lane miles of road surface currently in Renton's boundaries. Streets are rated every two years and the data placed in our Pavement Management System (PMS) to maintain criteria for street overlays and rebuilds. Guardrails and other safety devices are also maintained by the Street Section. The City's Transportation Division maintains and repairs all signs, signals, road stripping, and crosswalk thermal plastics.

Storm ditches and pipe systems are maintained by the City of Renton Wastewater Section. Ditches are routinely mowed and cleared of debris, and drainage pipe systems are routinely flushed of debris and sediments by vacuum truck crews. This creates free-flowing drainage systems for normal and extreme weather conditions. Detention ponds owned by the City are also routinely maintained by the same Wastewater Section to insure that they work correctly and efficiently.

Major problems will be fixed as they are encountered, while maintenance services are prioritized and incorporated into the overall street maintenance work plan. Renton will add the annexation area into our street sweeping and snow/ice removal services and litter collection routes immediately (which will require hiring an additional solid waste worker). Currently, our Solid Waste section removes debris and litter from city rights-of-ways once every 1 – 2 months, depending on workload. This service is an effort to keep all street shoulders and rights-of-way clean and free of unsightly litter within the City limits.